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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 20 September 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims:

Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 101 to 120, as follows.

101. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and
- b. a connecting means which connects said blocking means to said trigger;

characterized in that said blocking means performs an additional function.

102. The passive safety mechanism of claim 101 wherein said triggerbar is rotatable about a pivot.

103. The passive safety mechanism of claim 101 wherein said blocking means provides a bearing surface for said triggerbar.

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